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IRON ORE PRODUCING STATES
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of iron ore producing states and public sector undertakings dealing with iron ore production in those States;

(b) the total quantum of iron ore produced in those States during the last three year, state-wise;

(c) whether the production of iron ore has declined in some States during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the reasons for decline the production of ore in those States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Production of iron ore is reported from 10 States namely:

(i) Andhra Pradesh,
(ii) Chhattisgarh,
(iii) Goa,
(iv) Haryana,
(v) Jharkhand,
(vi) Karnataka,
(vii) Madhya Pradesh,
(viii) Maharashtra, (ix) Orissa and (x) Rajasthan. The share of Public Sector Mines in the total production of iron ore during 1999-2000 was about 55%. A number of Public Sector Undertakings are engaged in production of iron ore in six states, the State-wise details are at Annexure.

(b) The state wise production of iron ore during the last three years is as follows:

Quantity in Thousand Tonnes

STATES	1998-1999	1999-2000 (P)	2000-2001 (P) (upto Dec.2000)
Andhra Pradesh	318	340	267
Chhattisgarh	17150	18490	+ Included with Madhya Pradesh
Goa	15796	15002	8911
Haryana	1	1	0
Jharkhand	12081	11913	9164
Karnataka	15024	15681	11953
Madhya Pradesh	121	92	+15016
Maharashtra	29	25	13
Orissa	11701	11921	10251
Rajasthan	9	10	5
Total	72230	73475	55580

(P) : Provisional. + Figures for Chhattisgarh are not available separately.

(c)to(e): Yes, Sir. Among the major iron ore producing states, Goa and Jharkhand reported lower production during 1999-2000 as compared to the previous year. Decline in iron ore production in Goa during the first 9 months of the current year continued.

Reasons for decline in production of iron ore during 1999-2000 & the current year include fall in export demand, poor availability of equipments and processing plants, break-down of machinery, removal of over-burden and monsoon.

ANNEXURE

List of State-wise Public Sector Undertakings

IRON ORE

STATES	NAME OF PUBLIC SECTOR COMPANIES
1. Jharkhand	1. Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. (IISCO)
	2. Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL)
2. Haryana	1. Haryana Minerals Ltd.
3. Karnataka	1. Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. (KIOCL)
	2. National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.
	3. Visvesvarayya Iron & Steel Plant (SAIL)
	4. Mysore Minerals Ltd.
4. Chhattisgarh	1. National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.
	2. Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL)
5. Maharashtra	1. Maharashtra State Mining Corporation Ltd.
6. Orissa	1. Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL)
	2. Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineers Ltd.
	3. Orissa Mineral Development Co. Ltd.
	4. Orissa Mining Corporation Ltd.